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1. SUMMARY: NEWS COVERAGE OF NEW UNSC RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT CHARACTERISTICALLY SPECULATIVE. EDITORIALS BEMOANED THE PERSISTENCE OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. REPORTAGE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S VISIT WAS FOR MOST PART STRAIGHTFORWARD. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS MARCH 13 FRONTPAGES SECURITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF CYPRUS RESOLUTION STRESSING IN COVERAGE THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD BE RELAUNCHED UNDER GOOD OFFICES OF SYG WALDHEIM AND THAT BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH
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CYPRIOTS WOULD ACCEPT DECISION OF SECURITY COUNCIL. KATHIMERINI CONJECTURED THAT SYG WALDHEIM WOULD TRAVEL

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TO CYPRUS. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS WAS ONLY MORNING NON-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER TO CLAIM THAT "INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY DEALING WITH CYPRUS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ANKARA, AND ATHENS HAS BEEN WITHOUT RESULT...." AND THAT "...WE ARE AT A DEADEND."

3. TO VIMA ADDED SPECULATION THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA ARE BEING PREPARED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HIS ENVOY (HARTMAN), WHILE AFTERNOON DAILY APOYEVMATINI CRITICIZED SECRETARY FOR PURSUING DELAYING POLICY DURING SC DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TURKISH INTERESTS. ATHENAIKI REMARKED ON DISAPPOINTING DECISION OF SC RESOLUTION AND ASKED RHETORICALLY IF BITSIOS WOULD NOW RESIGN, REFERRING TO ALLEGED COMMENTS TO THAT EFFECT IN CORRIDORS OF PARLIAMENT.

4. COMMENTARY WAS LIMITED TO EDITORIALS IN AKROPOLIS WHICH DEPLORED ABSENCE OF REAL PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM AND TO VIMA WHICH STRESSED THAT GREECE MUST BE MINDFUL OF ITS INTERESTS SINCE "MAGICIAN" KISSINGER WOULD URGE ANY FORMULA TO RESOLVE ISSUE.

5. NEWSPAPERS REPORTED IN STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY REMARKS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN (REFTEL) EXCEPT FOR COMMUNIST PRESS WHICH REFERRED TO "DARK MISSION" OF HARTMAN AND THAT HE CARRIED AMERICAN/TURKISHDEMANDS TO ATHENS.
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